

**MINNESOTA BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
BOARD MEETING
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November 12, 2011

The Minnesota Board of Medical Practice met on November 12, 2011, at its offices in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The following Board members were present for both Public and Executive Sessions, unless otherwise indicated: James Langland, M.D., President; Ernest Lampe, II, M.D., President; Bradley Johnson, M.D., Vice President; Kelli Johnson, MBA, Secretary; Keith Berge, M.D.; Debbie Boe; Mark A. Eggen, M.D.; V. John Ella, J.D.; Sarah L. Evenson, J.D., MBA; Subbaro Inampudi, M.D., FACR; Gerald Kaplan, MA, LP; Gregory Snyder, M.D., DABR; Jon Thomas, M.D., MBA; Tracy Tomac, M.D.; and Joseph Willett, D.O.

PUBLIC SESSION

The minutes of the September 10, 2011, Board meeting were received and approved as circulated.

James Langland, MD, President presented James Mona, D.O., with board service awards. Dr. Mona served on the Board from 2003 to 2011. Dr. Mona served on the Licensure, Complaint Review, and Policy and Planning Committees. Dr. Mona served as Chair of the Complaint Review Committee from 2007 to 2009. Dr. Mona also served as President to the Board from January to June, 2010, and Vice President from July to December of 2010. Dr. Mona also served as the Board's Voting Delegate to the Federation of State Medical Boards from July 2003 to April 2011.

Monica Feider, Program Manager, Health Professional Services Program (HPSP), presented the 2011 HPSP Statistical Report to the board and gave a brief overview of HPSP.

Ms. Feider expressed her gratitude to Mr. Leach and the board for help with the funding of their new database. Ms. Feider also expressed her gratitude for the computer expertise and time of the board's Database Administrator, Mark Chu. Dr. Langland thanked Ms. Feider for the good job she does.

A question and answer session followed.

Nancy Kielhofner, MS, BSN, Executive Director of the Minnesota Alliance for Patient Safety (MAPS) gave a presentation on MAPS Roadmap to a Patient Safety Culture.

Ms. Kielhofner thanked Ruth Martinez, Complaint Review Unit Supervisor for her participation, as the board's representative, in the MAPS Culture Workgroup that helped develop the MAPS Roadmap to a Patient Safety Culture. A question and answer session followed.

Ms. Kielhofner invited board members to contact her by e-mail with their thoughts about how to engage physicians in patient safety initiatives and culture. Ms. Kielhofner encouraged board members, particularly physician members, to contact her if they are interested in serving on the MAPS Board of Directors.

Ms. Martinez stated that when the Roadmap is completed (anticipated completion date of April or May of 2012) board staff will arrange to have it distributed. A question and answer session followed.

Dr. Langland asked Ms. Kielhofner if she would be able to attend a future board meeting for further discussion. Ms. Kielhofner accepted and thanked Dr. Langland.

The board took a five minute break.

Keith Berge, MD and Ruth Martinez, CRU Supervisor gave a presentation regarding the board's involvement with the Minnesota Controlled Substance Prevention Coalition.

Ms. Martinez stated that board staff has added language to the board's physician response letters asking if they're using the Prescription Monitoring Program and how they are using it. If they are not already participating in the program, information is sent to acquaint them with the program. Language has also been added to the board's acknowledgement letter to complainants inviting them to report their allegations to law enforcement or other interested organizations. Mr. Leach stated that the revised letters have just recently started to go out and that board staff wants to work with the Board of Pharmacy to see if the revised letters have had an effect on the number of individuals who are signing up to use the Prescription Monitoring Program.

Dr. Berge offered to have Matt St. George, a member of the Minneapolis Police Department provide a presentation at a future board meeting regarding drugs of abuse on the street.

A question and answer session followed.

Karolyn Stirewalt, JD, Minnesota Medical Association's (MMA) attorney stated that once the Roadmap has been established, the MMA would be happy to help disseminate the information through their channels.

On recommendation of the Licensure Committee, physician applicants 1 - 148 of the agenda and applicant 265 of the hand-out were approved for licensure subject to the receipt of verification documents; applicant 264 of the hand-out is subject to approval in Executive Session. Gerald Kaplan, MA, LP recused on applicant 264.

On recommendation of the Licensure Committee, physician applicants 149 - 151 of the agenda were approved for Emeritus registration.

On recommendation of the Acupuncture Advisory Council, acupuncturist applicants 152 - 164 of the agenda were approved for licensure subject to the receipt of verification documents.

On recommendation of the Athletic Trainers Advisory Council, athletic trainer applicants 165 - 205 of the agenda were approved for registration subject to the receipt of verification documents.

On recommendation of the Physician Assistant Advisory Council, physician assistant applicants 206 - 241 of the agenda were approved for licensure subject to the receipt of verification documents.

On recommendation of the Respiratory Therapist Advisory Council, respiratory therapist applicants 242 - 258 of the agenda were approved for licensure subject to the receipt of verification documents.

On recommendation of the Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Council, naturopathic doctor applicants 259 - 261 of the agenda were approved for licensure subject to receipt of all verification documents.

On recommendation of the Midwifery Advisory Council, midwifery applicants 262 - 263 of the agenda were approved for licensure subject to receipt of all verification documents.

Bradley Johnson, MD, Chair of the Licensure Committee presented the minutes of the October 20, 2011, Licensure Committee meeting.

Dr. Johnson acknowledged the members of the Licensure Committee. The October 20, 2011, Licensure Committee meeting was lengthy with three intense interviews. Dr. Johnson thanked the Committee members for their highly engaged and very effective discussion. The Licensure Committee also met at 7:30 a.m. prior to the board meeting to complete the October 20, 2011, agenda.

Dr. Johnson noted the following items from the licensure issues from the October 20, 2011, Licensure Committee meeting minutes:

1. Applicant decided to table their application after interview with the Licensure Committee.
2. Applicant was approved for licensure.
3. Applicant approved for licensure under a Stipulation and Order that will be reviewed in Executive Session.
4. Denied withdrawal of application because of disciplinary issues.
5. Applicant was invited for an interview.
6. Applicant was approved for licensure with monitoring in another state.
7. Applicant was invited for an interview.
8. Applicant will be discussed further in Executive Session.
9. Applicant met the criteria for fellowship in subspecialty area of neurology.
10. An informational issue with recommendation by the Physician Assistant Council.
11. Applicant was approved to take step 3.

The minutes and actions of the November 12, 2011, meeting of the Licensure Committee were received and approved as circulated.

Mr. Leach presented the Registered Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Council Appointments. All the seats on the Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Council are expiring. All of the members applied for reappointment, except one naturopathic doctor member, Kristin Becker. One application was received from Lee Aberle, ND for this vacancy. At the Licensure Committee meeting prior to the board meeting, the Committee approved Mr. Aberle's application.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to (re)appoint the following members to the Registered Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Council:

Michael Green, M.D., Physician Member (reappointment)
Lee Aberle, Naturopathic Doctor (appointment)
Amy Johnson-Grass, Naturopathic Doctor (reappointment)
Dionne Reinhart, Naturopathic Doctor (reappointment)
Helen Soley (Healy), Naturopathic Doctor (reappointment)
Leslie Vilensky, Naturopathic Doctor (reappointment)

The current public member of the Registered Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Council, Karen Thullner, has applied for reappointment and an application was also received from Mark

Wackerfuss. The Licensure Committee recommends that Ms. Thullner be reappointed to the council.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to reappoint the following member to the Registered Naturopathic Doctor Advisory Council:

Karen Thullner, Public Member

Dr. Langland asked Mr. Leach to present the next agenda item, Wisconsin License Portability Project Update. Mr. Leach stated that he and Jeanne Hoffman, MBA, Licensure Supervisor had a brief teleconference regarding the Wisconsin Portability Project on November 8, 2011. The only item discussed was that all participating state boards will have individual teleconferences in the future. Mr. Leach will update the board after the next teleconference.

Mark Eggen, M.D., presented the proposed FSMB Resolution that he submitted for board approval. The Resolution is to encourage other State Medical Boards to adopt American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or Osteopathic Continuous Certification (AOA) as adequate for Maintenance of Licensure (MOL).

The resolution reads:

Whereas, a commitment to lifelong learning and continuing professional development is critical to a physician's ability to keep up with advances in medicine and with changes in the delivery of care; and

Whereas, state medical boards require continuing medical education for license renewal as a means of assuring the public that licensed physicians are maintaining their competence; and

Whereas, The ABMS Maintenance of Certification program and the AOA-BSO Osteopathic Continuous Certification program are rigorous programs of lifelong learning and require physicians to demonstrate competency in six core areas: medical knowledge, patient care, interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism, systems-based practice, practice-based learning and improvement. The assessment of these competencies are carried through a multi-part program comprised of self-directed CME, passage of a specialty-specific examination, and engagement in practice improvement activities; and

Whereas, ABMS MOC programs are available to physicians certified by American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) physicians regardless of whether their certificates are time-limited, and

Whereas, Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) is available to osteopathic physicians certified by the American Osteopathic Association's Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists regardless of whether their certificates are time-limited; and

Whereas, regulatory agencies and other groups with a responsibility for oversight of the medical profession are seeking ways to minimize redundancy and regulatory burden on physicians by aligning the reporting requirements that physicians are obligated to meet;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

The Federation of State Medical Boards supports the use of and encourages state medical boards to recognize a licensee's participation in an ABMS MOC and AOA-BOS OCC program as an acceptable means of meeting CME requirements for license renewal.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made and passed unanimously to move the resolution to the FSMB.

Dr. Langland called for FSMB committee appointment recommendations.

Mr. Leach stated that Jon Thomas, M.D., MBA is running for Chair-elect of the Board of Directors and asked for a motion to support him. A motion was made and passed unanimously to support Dr. Thomas' nomination to run for Chair-elect at the FSMB's Board of Directors.

Gregory Snyder, M.D., DABR stated he would like to run for a seat on the FSMB Board of Directors. A motion was made and passed unanimously to support Dr. Snyder's nomination to run for a seat on the FSMB Board of Directors.

Dr. Eggen stated that he would like to run for a seat on the FSMB Nominating Committee once again. A motion was made and passed unanimously to support Dr. Eggen's nomination to run for a seat on the FSMB Nominating Committee.

Mr. Leach stated that he'll get the letters of support to the FSMB sent out within the next week. Mr. Leach reminded the candidates to complete the FSMB application materials and forward them to him as soon as possible.

Dr. Langland stated that the Nominating Committee, consisting of himself, Jon Thomas, M.D., MBA, and Gerald Kaplan, MA, LP met by teleconference on November 1, 2011. After discussion, it was decided to keep the Chairs of the Complaint Review Committee for 2012. Dr. Thomas was asked to excuse himself from the conference call. Dr. Thomas was not involved in the discussion or nomination of the Board President. Dr. Langland and Gerald Kaplan, MA, LP then nominated Dr. Thomas for Board President. Dr. Thomas rejoined the conference call and the full Committee nominated Gregory Snyder, M.D., DABR as Vice President, Keith Berge, M.D., as Secretary, and Joseph Willett, D.O., as the Delegate to the FSMB. A motion was made and passed unanimously to accept the Nominating Committee's report.

Dr. Langland asked for a motion to accept the calendar year 2012 meeting dates. A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the following dates for its 2012 meetings:

Regular Board Meetings

January 14
March 10
May 12
July 14
September 8
November 10

Contested Case Hearings

February 11
April 14
June 9
August 11
October 13
December 8

Mr. Leach informed the board of five Corrective Action Agreements that were implemented since the last board meeting.

Mr. Leach added an agenda item regarding the Sunset Legislation that was passed in 2011 that will sunset every state agency if they're not reinstated by the Sunset Commission and by the Legislation. All the health-related licensing boards are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2012. A report to the Sunset Commission (Sunset Report) to justify the board's continuing existence, was initially due on November 1, 2011, but because the Sunset Commission had not yet been fully appointed, the Sunset Report was not submitted.

The Sunset Commission is meeting for the first time on November 14, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Since the Sunset Commission may ask for different data, the Sunset Report was not presented to the

board. Mr. Leach will send the Sunset Report to board members by e-mail or it will be part of the January board meeting agenda.

Dr. Thomas stated that the FSMB's President and CEO, Hank Chaudhry, D.O., M.S., FACP, FACOI is sending written support to Mr. Leach for continuation of the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice.

A question and answer session followed.

End of public session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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THOMAS W. ELLIS, PA

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the license of Mr. Ellis was reinstated. Dr. Bradley Johnson recused.

MARK W. A. HOLDER, MD

On recommendation of the Licensure Committee, the Stipulation and Order for restricted license signed by Dr. Holder was approved. Mr. Kaplan recused.

CHRISTOPHER J. KOVANDA, MD

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the Stipulation and Order for reprimand and restricted license signed by Dr. Kovanda was approved.

REBECCA B. MAMMO, MD

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the Stipulation and Order for reprimand signed by Dr. Mammo was approved.

PAMELA M. NORTH, MD

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the license of Dr. North was reinstated.

MICHAEL M. PRIEBE, MD

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the license of Dr. Priebe was reinstated.

LUKE B. RYLANDER, PA

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the license of Mr. Rylander was reinstated.

EROL T. UKE, MD

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the license of Dr. Uke was reinstated.

KRISTOFER M. WALLMAN, PA

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the license of Mr. Wallman was reinstated.

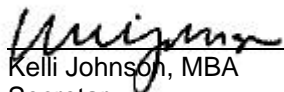
DEXTER D. WHITTEMORE, MD

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the license of Mr. Whittemore was reinstated.

JESSICA A. WOLIN, MD

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the license of Dr. Wolin was reinstated. Dr. Keith Berge recused.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Kelli Johnson, MBA
Secretary
MN Board of Medical Practice

January 4, 2012
Date